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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Secretary Rusk's Testimony before Senate
Foreign Relations Committee on
25 January 1963

1. This memorandum is for information.

2. We have already informed Fred Dutton, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, that there are discrepancies between Secretary Rusk's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 25 January 1963 regarding the Bay of Pigs and the record based on testimony two years ago.

3. Secretary Rusk said, "Planes came out of Cuba more than and different than the nose count ahead of time indicated." Mr. Dulles testified before the CIA Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee on 27 April 1961 that the movement and types of planes were known. Before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 2 May 1961, Mr. Dulles said, "... we did not see a single plane over the beachhead of which the identity was not fully known." He later said that we did not know that the T-33s were armed with cannon. ^(meaning rockets.) Mr. Bissell, testifying at the 2 May 1961 Senate Foreign Relations hearings, said, "Our information beforehand on the numbers and location of Castro aircraft, I think, was proved out in the event."

4. Again on page 33 of Secretary Rusk's testimony on 25 January 1963, he said, "The rate and mass of the Castro buildup against the beach was faster and greater than had been anticipated to be possible." Mr. Dulles and Mr. Bissell, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 2 May 1961, stated that actually the Castro forces attacked the beachhead several hours later than expected and until ammunition ran out were repulsed with heavy losses. At the 27 April 1961 hearings

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Before the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services, Mr. Dulles said that the landing surface was excellent and there was no real opposition in the area. The Cuban air force struck shortly after dawn and the main ground forces did not come up until a considerable time thereafter.

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